



Bradley County Commission
Johnny Mull, Chairman
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 9, 2019, at noon
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Vice Chairman Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Kevin Raper, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and non voting Ex Officio member Gary Davis

Members absent: None

Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Howard Thompson, Living Word Church Prayer Coordinator Nancy Clark prayed the invocation.

REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor D. Gary Davis had no report.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS

7th District

Commissioners Bill Winters and Kevin Raper had no report.

6th District

Commissioner Erica Davis requested the Commission consider appointing a Broadband Initiative ad hoc committee to update the public on advancements, to alert the public of new information and opportunities, to include public officials in the discussion, to identify real time action steps to advance our objectives, and to lobby our state officials. Fellow sixth district resident, Charlie Brewer, attested to the challenges of poor cell reception and lack of internet access.

Commissioner Tim Mason reported the Insurance Committee met earlier and expects renewal information in the next couple of weeks.

5th District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

4th District

Commissioners Howard Thompson and Charlotte Peak had no report.

3rd District

Commissioner Milan Blake reminded everyone the HCI Committee deadline for grant letter of intent is 4:00p.m. on September 30, 2019, to the Commission Office.

2nd District

Vice Chairman Thomas Crye and Commissioner Louie Alford had no report.

1st District

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson requested the Building and Land Committee discuss at their next meeting proceeding with the demolition of the school buildings.

AGENDA ITEMS

Museum Center at Five Points Board of Trustees President Joe Mason announced the Museum has transformed the way they do business. Museum Executive Director Janice Neyman reported eight museum trunk shows visit schools to share Ocoee Region history with local students. Neyman noted, as a classroom extension, the trunks shows meet state standards. Curator of Education Hope Vollm and Assistant Curator of Education Elijah Hammonds presented an abbreviated Civil War trunk show to the Commission.

Commissioner Raper introduced and welcomed Road Department Special Projects Coordinator Tina Bishop. Bishop explained the goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of American society. Bishop explained Bradley County must complete a self evaluation and submit a transition plan by December 2019. Bishop reported 38.6 miles of sidewalks in Bradley County that are not currently in compliance with the ADA. Bishop noted the Road Department portion of the transition plan will include a thirty year implementation period for the sidewalks which worst case scenario could cost the county \$7,235,980.

Commissioner Blake placed on the September 16, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to opt in to the Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund [cost sharing plan with the state] with \$50,000 funding to begin in the 2020-2021 budget. Probation and Misdemeanor Director Rich Kienlen reported there is currently one individual on indigency electronic monitoring. Blake noted the judges determine indigency eligibility and noted any county not opting in to the program in the 2020-2021 budget will not be eligible to participate in the cost sharing program. Blake stated the county budget may be reduced, but not increased per the program.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next meeting is a voting session Monday, September 16, noon, Courthouse
- *TCCA dinner and meeting, tonight, 6:00p.m., Elks Lodge
- *Chamber Coffee, tomorrow, 8:30a.m., Chamber of Commerce
- *International Cowpea Festival, Saturday, 10:00a.m.-9:00p.m., Charleston Park

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.